

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

I respectfully call to your attention the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project, a \$5 billion, 600-mile, privately funded natural gas pipeline that is current under review by several federal agencies.

We believe this critical project will bring substantial economic benefits to the state of North Carolina and its future economic growth. Specifically, the project will deliver natural gas produced in West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and elsewhere to areas of North Carolina and Virginia where supply is short. The pipeline will provide gas to heat homes, generate electricity, support our military bases, and fuel manufacturing. We believe that end-use customers have committed to buy more than 90 percent of the pipeline's capacity.

It is our hope that this private investment by our home-state companies will accelerate the growth of manufacturing, create thousands of jobs, and increase consumer purchasing power with lower energy costs.

In addition, the project will supply more than 7,000 jobs during construction for pipefitters, welders and other skilled labor and another 2,000 ongoing jobs on in operation.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as the lead federal agency is evaluating the projects purpose and environmental impacts. It anticipates final agency action in September of this year, with permission to begin construction soon after.

I join governors of other states in the pipeline's path to express concern that this schedule could be in jeopardy without concurrent reviews and approvals by the Department of Interior, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Army.

I respectfully request that you consider directing your Administration to take decisive action as promptly as possible while fulfilling the regulatory requirements in conjunction with the existing FERC schedule.

On behalf of the state of North Carolina, thank you for your Administration's work on this critical project.